- Write your name, studentnumber and major on the first sheet of paper.
- When you use a theorem explain specifically why it applies.

Good luck!

1.) Consider the following system

$$\dot{x} = y - y^3 \dot{y} = -x - y^2$$

where the dot means differentiation with respect to t.

- (a) Determine all the fixed points and characterise these.
- (b) Determine the unstable and stable subspaces, E^u and E^s , of all the saddlepoints and nodes.
- (c) Determine the nullclines and sketch these in the (x, y)-plane.
- (d) Show that the system is invariant under the transformation $(t \to -t, y \to -y)$.

Note that this implies that every trajectory leads to another one by a reflection in the x-axis and time-reversal. Also, the character of the fixed point at the origin for the full nonlinear system remains the same as found in (a).

- (e) Complete the sketch of the phase-plane (using the result from (d)) including stable and unstable manifolds and the flow close to the fixed points.
- (f) Determine all possible heteroclinic and homoclinic orbits. Sketch them in the phase-plane in colour and give which fixed points they connect.
- (g) Sketch x(t) versus t for all possible heteroclinic and homoclinic orbits (as found in (f)).

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2.) Consider the following system

$$\dot{x} = ax(1-2b) + y - ax(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + ay - ay(x^2 + y^2).$$

where a and b are parameters that satisfy $0 < a \le 1$, $0 \le b < \frac{1}{2}$. Note that the parameters a and b are such that the origin is the only fixed point.

- (a) Rewrite the system in polar coordinates.
- (b) Set b = 0. Prove that the system has one stable limit cycle. Make a sketch of the phase-plane.
- (c) Prove that for $0 < b < \frac{1}{2}$, there exists at least one limit cycle.
- 3.) Consider

$$\dot{x} = \mu x - \frac{x^3}{1+x^2}$$

where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (a) Determine all the critical points and determine for which μ they are stable resp. unstable.
- (b) For which points (x_c, μ_c) does a bifurcation take place ? Sketch the bifurcation diagram and state the type of bifurcation.
- 4.) Consider the following equation

$$x^{2} + (1 - \varepsilon - \varepsilon^{2})x + \varepsilon - 2e^{\varepsilon^{2}} = 0$$

where $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$. Determine a two-term approximation of all the roots of the equation.